

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application:

## **LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 to 13. (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) A ball socket for receiving a ball, comprising:  
a first half-socket;  
a second half-socket, each of the first half-socket and the second half-socket having an at least partially spherical interior surface; and  
at least one elastically deformable region integrally formed with the first half-socket and the second half-socket;  
wherein the elastically deformable region is in a load-free state when the ball is completely inserted into the ball socket.

15. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 14, wherein the elastically deformable region is formed of an elastically deformable material.

16. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 14, wherein the elastically deformable region includes an elastically deformable geometry.

17. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 14, wherein the ball socket is adapted to cover a ball portion of the ball delimited by at least one circle.

18. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 14, wherein the ball socket is adapted to cover a ball portion of the ball delimited by two circles arranged parallel to one another, the ball socket arranged as a ball layer.

19. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 14, wherein the ball socket includes at least one gap.

20. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 19, wherein the gap is oriented perpendicular to at least one circle that delimits a ball portion of the ball that is covered by the ball socket.

21. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 19, wherein the elastically deformable region is arranged as an elongate portion arranged diagonally with respect to the gap.

22. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 19, wherein the at least one gap includes two gaps arranged diagonally with respect to one another along a circumference of the ball.

23. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 22, wherein the elastically deformable region is arranged in one of the two gaps.

24. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 17, wherein the elastically deformable region is arranged between a first portion of the circle and a second portion of the circle.

25. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 18, wherein the elastically deformable region is arranged between a first portion of the circles and a second portion of the circles.

26. (Previously Presented) The ball socket according to claim 14, wherein the elastically deformable region includes a thin-walled region.

27. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:  
a rotatably mounted connection arrangement adapted to connect a first part to a second part in a vehicle, the first part including a ball as a connection element, the second part including a ball socket as a connection element and adapted to receive the ball, the second part including a first half-socket, a second half-socket, each of the first half-socket and the second half-socket having an at least partially spherical interior surface, and at least one elastically deformable region integrally formed with the first half-socket and the second half-socket;

wherein the elastically deformable region is in a load-free state when the ball is completely inserted into the ball socket.

28. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a rotatably mounted connection arrangement connecting a first part to a second part in a vehicle, the first part including a ball as a connection element, the second part including a ball socket as a connection element and receiving the ball, the second part including a first half-socket, a second half-socket, each of the first half-socket and the second half-socket having an at least partially spherical interior surface, and at least one elastically deformable region integrally formed with the first half-socket and the second half-socket;

wherein the at least one elastically deformable region is in a load-free state when the ball is completely inserted into the ball socket.